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SUBJECT: EANES VISIT TO SPAIN

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1. THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT EANES CONTINUES TO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE AND UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE MADRID PRESS COVERAGE. THE SOCIAL AND FORMAL ASPECTS OF THE VISIT ARE PROCEEDING WITHOUT PROBLEMS, DESPITE THE MAIN INCIDENT OF THE ARAB DIPLOMATIC BOYCOTT OF LAST NIGHT'S RECEPTION AT THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY (REFTEL). THE KING HAS ACCEPTED EANES'S INVITATION TO VISIT PORTUGAL SOON, THE EXACT DATE NOT YET DETERMINED.

2. ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, SEVERAL MADRID DAILIES HAVE EMPHASIZED THE VISIT'S ROLE IN WORKINGTOWARDS A NEW SPANISH-PORTUGUESE UNDERSTANDING TO REPLACE THE FRANCO-SALAZAR ERA "IBERIAN PACT". IN ITS PLACE, ACCORDING TO UNNAMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES QUOTED IN THE MADRID PRESS, BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD PREFER TO CONDUCT THEIR RELATIONS WITHIN A WIDER EUROPEAN CONTEXT, RATHER THAN SIGNING A NEW BILATERAL
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AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME.

3. TO FOSTER COOPERATION IN EUROPE, MILITARY DEFENSE, AND OTHER AREAS, SUAREZ AND EANES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED INFORMAL AGREEMENT ON CREATING A JOINT ORGNIZATION TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF A NUMBER OF EXISTING BILATERAL COMMITTEES, A SUAREZ SPOKESMAN WAS

QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS COMPARING THIS ORGANIZATION TO
THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL, CREATED BY THE 1976 TREATY
OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE U.S.

4. NOTHING SPECIFIC HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED ON THE ECONOMIC
FRONT, ALTHOUGH SUAREZ AND EANES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE
DISCUSSED SPAIN'S POSSIBLE ENTRY INTO EFTA (MADRID
1067); PORTUGAL BEING ALREADY A MEMBER OF EFTA AND (LIKE
SPAIN) AN ASPIRANT FOR EEC MEMBERSHIP.

5. ALTHOUGH THE "SYSTEM OF WESTERN DEFENCE" WAS REPORTEDLY
DISCUSSED, PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME
MINISTER AVOIDED MENTIONING NATO BY NAME, AN OMISSION
"EL PAIS" TERMED "CURIOUS", BUT WE FIND PERFECTLY CON-
SISTENT WITH THE CURRENT GOS POSTURE REGARDING NATO.
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